

OPINION 1136

CICADETTA STREPITANS KIRKALDY, 1909 (INSECTA:
HOMOPTERA) CONSERVED

RULING – (1) Under the plenary powers, the species-group name *obscura* Hudson, 1891, as published in the combination *Cicada [sic] cingulata* Fabricius a. var. *obscura*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *strepitans* Kirkaldy, 1909, as published in the binomen *Cicadetta strepitans*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2685.

(3) The species-group name *obscura* Hudson, 1891, as published in the combination *Cicada [sic] cingulata* Fabricius a. var. *obscura*, and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1058.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.) 1888

An application from Dr (now Sir) Charles Fleming and Dr J.S. Dugdale (*D.S.I.R., Lower Hutt, New Zealand*) for the conservation of *Cicadetta strepitans* Kirkaldy, 1909, was first received on 8 April 1969. The case was one of a number involving the application of Article 23b of the 1961 Code, all of which were held back pending clarification of that provision. A revised application, adapted to Articles 23a-b and 79b of the 1972 (Monaco) amendments to the Code, was sent to the printer on 29 May 1974 and published on 20 September 1974 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 31: 140–141. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials and to nine entomological serials. No comments were received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 5 September 1978 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1978)17 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 31: 141. At the close of the voting period on 5 December 1978 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes – fifteen (15) received in the following

order: Holthuis, Melville, Alvarado, Mroczkowski, Eisenmann, Vokes, Brinck, Habe, Tortonese, Cogger, Binder, Bayer, Corliss, Nye, Welch

Negative Votes — three (3): Willink, Dupuis, Bernardi.

Sabrosky returned a late negative vote; Ride was on leave of absence; no votes were returned by Heppell, Kraus and Starobogatov.

The following comments were returned with voting papers:

Willink: "It seems to me that Kirkaldy had no reason to change *C. cingulata obscura* Hudson to *C. strepitans*, so why change it now?"

Bernardi: "Il n'y a aucune difficulté sur l'emploi du nom *obscura* puisqu'il existe un lectotype, et il n'y avait aucune raison de le remplacer par un autre nom (*strepitans*). Il n'y a donc qu'à rétablir le nom *obscura*."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on an Official List and an Official Index, by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

obscura, *Cicada cingulata* Fabricius *a. var.*, Hudson, 1891, *Trans.*

N.Z. Inst., vol. 23: 51

strepitans, *Cicadetta*, Kirkaldy, 1909, *Trans. N.Z. Inst.*, vol. 41: 28.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on V.P. (78)17 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1136.

R.V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

6 March 1979